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Thanks

.. To those who supported the School Ball ... and to Sharon Martin, Lisa and Scott Verevis, Dave and Marise Dwight and the rest of their team for your hard work in the run up to this event (and on the following day).

.. To those parents who sent photographs to school for our Celebrating Parents Week.

.. To the parents of our intrepid home gardeners for all you are doing to support their gardening efforts.

.. Claire Ringrose for her help with the School Fundraising Chocolates.

People of the week

.. The parents !!

.. **Natasha who broke the school's long jump record this week with a jump distance of 4.15 metres (previous record of 3.93 metres was set by Melissa in 2011). Well done Natasha!**

.. Adam who participated in the Whangarei Special Olympics and achieved 2nd in 100m sprints and 4th in 50m sprints and 4th in relay.

.. Ellie won 2 x 2nd and 1x 3rd on her horse "Cocoa" at the Waimate North A&P Show.

.. Aimee for an awesome attitude in the "Learn to Waterski Day"

Coming up this term

21 November Year 7 and 8 visit to Northland Polytechnic
27 November Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics (pp 29.11)
28 November Whangarei Girls' High School orientation
29 November Year 7 and 8 abseiling at Whangarei Falls
1 December Home Garden judging
4 December Year 5 and 6 Interschool Athletics
6 December School team athletics day
11 December BoT meeting
12 December Reports sent home
13 December School Prize Giving
18 December Final day of school

Lunchtime Track and Field Competition (Years 4 to 8)

Please encourage your children to participate in these events and ensure that they bring appropriate clothing with them each day. **If you are able to help out please give Kevin a call .. you can specify your day or your preferred track or field event(s).**

School Contributions

Those who opted for term payment of school contributions and activity fees will have received a request for their final instalment. **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE PAID ALREADY.** Please forward payment as soon as possible and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or to discuss alternative payment arrangements. **A small number of families also owe for activity or technology fees from earlier in the year and we are keen to receive these as soon as possible please.**

International Homestays

Thank you to those families who have expressed interest in hosting international students in 2013. You can expect a visit from a member of staff some time around 22 November. If you indicated you are interested in hosting students, and have NOT heard from us by next Tuesday (20th) please give Donna Cates a call at school.

Leaving Books

You may be aware that it is a Matarau tradition for the Board of Trustees to present all Year 8 students with a leaving book. Next week our Year 8 students will receive a book voucher to put towards a book of their choice. Thank you (in anticipation) parents for assisting in the purchase of a suitable book. The vouchers are redeemable at most book stores. Books are to be returned to school to be officially presented at prize giving on 13 December.

Drink Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school each day to place on their desk. Water is best.

School Cups

Please return school cups by 16 November for re-engraving. Please do not polish these - we will arrange this. Thanks!



A chance to thank and farewell Mrs Bruce

Parents and former students are invited to a farewell morning tea to be held for Mrs Bruce on Wednesday 5 December. Mrs Bruce has made an impact on many children and families during her twelve years at Matarau School and we would like her to know just how much her efforts (and irrepressible energy) have been appreciated. If you think you can make it please give Helen a call next week.



Spelling Bee .. Underway next week. Watch this space.

Interschool Athletics

.. will be held at Kensington Park on **Tuesday 27 November (years 7 and 8)** and on **Tuesday 4 December (years 5 and 6)**. A reminder that children will travel by car (thanks to those helping out with this) and will need to wear Matarau T-shirts and bring lunch, drinks, sunhats, sunblock and something warm to wear just in case. Please contact Mr D with any questions. Children can pick up a T-shirt and jacket from the school office if required. Please ensure consents are returned to school early next week.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

Parents / caregivers who have helped at school in any way this year are invited to a morning tea to be held in the staffroom on
Tuesday 11 December starting 10:30am.

This is our chance to thank you for the difference you have made to our school.

To help with catering please give Helen a call next week if you think you might be in attendance.

Art Scholarships (Years 4 to 8)

Portfolios are due Monday 26 November 3:30 PM. If you would like to enter your child, and you have not received the background information, please contact their teacher or the school office. Please note that entry criteria were amended last year to allow 2 items from a previous year and one from an out of school activity (with some conditions). We hope to see a high level of interest in these scholarships with potential to win a trophy at prize giving and a cash prize for each of the two winning students. Mrs Robertson has kindly offered to assist with portfolios and to give advice to students.



Kamo High School Team Triathlon

If your child is participating in this event (scheduled for 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM on 30 November - at K.H.S.) please ensure their consent is returned to school early next week. Any questions in the run up to this event to Mr D please.

Class Placements 2013

If your child(ren) will not be at Matarau school next year please let us know as soon as possible.

Year 7 and 8 Polytech (visit 21.11) and Abseiling Consents (for 29.11)

... please get consents back to school next week. Most grateful for parent assistance with transport and supervision.

Home Garden Programme

This week children participated in a seedling swap. We hope that most children were happy with their swap .. a bit tricky as every second child seemed to have a tomato plant to swap.

The real challenge now is to make sure that gardens are looking fabulous by judging day on 1 December. Home Garden Booklets are due into the office by Monday 26 November. Today children received a **Consent to Visit Form**. Please return this to school next week so that we can arrange a visiting schedule for the judges. **Please note that gardens will not be visited if the Consent to Visit Form is not returned.** If you did not receive a form then just give the office a call and we will ensure you receive one.



Final word

During the busyness of this week we have taken some time to celebrate the fantastic work that parents do. Being a parent is a pretty tough job sometimes. Not all of your decisions will be popular with your child. Frequently you will feel their hurt as if it was your own, and you may wonder often if you are really cut out for the job. You will want to protect your child from harm and to see them grow into self-confident, thoughtful, caring, intelligent and independent young people on what must at times seem a very long haul to adulthood. And yet, deep down, you know this is not really such a long haul at all. You know that one day you will look back and wonder where those years have gone and wish you could have them again. So .. enjoy this most important and rewarding of all callings .. a life's calling. Don't ever underestimate your importance in the life of your child .. they will always need you to be there and every kiss, hug and shared moment of joy is a reminder of just how important you are to them. Thanks for sharing your children with us and for inviting us on your journey.

Regards,
Kevin Trehwella
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Window on Kamo High School

Some of you may be aware that league tables published recently in the New Zealand Herald identified Kamo High School as one of the best performing schools in Northland - especially at NCEA levels 2 and 3 .. with very respectable results at level 1. The full table can be viewed via a link from the N.Z. Herald website.

Community Notices

For Sale - Budgies \$10.00 ea, lots of full yellow. Great Xmas present. Phone Kym 433-5701.

For Rent - Very tidy 2 bedroom house to rent. 18 Charles Street, Kamo. \$220pw; Call 435 3002 to view.

Ruatangata playcentre AGM Wednesday 29th November 7.30pm, 26 Matarau Rd. All Welcome.

Kamo Scout Group Garage Sale – Saturday 17 November, 8.00am, Scout Den, 15c Three Mile Bush Road, Kamo.

Whakapara Country Garden Ramble – Sunday 18th November 8 gardens + art & crafts \$20. Contact Heather 4338987 or Anne 4339962. Tickets Palmers Gardenworld, Kamo Pet & Aquatic Shop, Whakapara BP 2Go, Sciadopitys Garden Centre. Proceeds to Project Promise.

For Sale: Lime, great for the garden, lawns and paddocks - \$5.00 for a 10kg bag. ½ the price of retail shops. Phone Helen or William on 433 5512 to arrange delivery or pickup. This is a fundraising effort for William to go with the Boys & Girls High combined team to represent Northland at the Get2Go OPC final on Great Barrier Island.

Diocesan School for Girls - Information Evening Reyburn House, Town Basin, Whangarei, Monday 19 November 2012
5:30pm – 7.00pm; Fionna Mills, Admissions Director, email fmills@diocesan.school.nz phone 09 5209225.

KAMO AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave, Kamo. *New members wanted.*

Stroke improvement classes - Monday & Friday afternoons from 4.30pm

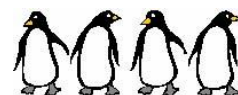
Swimmers must be reasonably confident in water and be able to swim 10m unaided.

For further enquiries contact Chris 433 5099 or Helen 433 5823 or Sharon 027 631 9361

NZ Badminton Academy – Opportunities to play, learn and train with NZ Badminton Academy. All levels welcome. Held at 41 Porowini Ave, Morningside, \$450 per term for members or \$50 per term for non members. For more info contact Kaleb Cookson 0212503965 or info@NZBA.net.nz.

A&P Summer Show - Entries are now open for the A&P Summer Show on Saturday 8th December 2012. All pet calf, lamb or goat entries received before 16 November receive a free ticket to the Show! Entry forms will be can be downloaded from www.summershow.co.nz. Gate admission for the Show is \$5.00 per person, with under 5 year olds free again this year.

Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics (WAGS) has moved to the brand new ASB Arena on Park Ave, Kensington. We now have a lot more space, and so we can offer more classes. No more waiting lists! We offer a variety of classes, for all ages, toddlers, and all school ages, boys and girls. If you are interested, please ph our office on 09 4352990 or check out our new website www.wags.org.nz



Fundraising Reminders

STILL OUTSTANDING - Chocolates and or Chocolate money was due back at school last week. Please return any unsold chocolate and monies from sales on Monday next week. Thank you for your support.

Horse Trek ... Saturday 17th November. 3 hour loop, easy terrain and great views. 3 mins from Matarau School. Registrations to school office by 14th November. More information from Alina 4338998.

Wild West Showdown

A big THANK YOU to all our supporters who turned up to this event. We all had a great time. Thank you to Jim and his band (The Kiwi Rock Band) who were EXCELLENT as always.



Thanks also to the following:

- Suzie & Glen Curran of MTS transport for their sponsorship
- Angela Perrin - photographer
- Kamo Florist (door prize won by Cherie Finlayson)
- Caves Buses
- People Potential - who did a fabulous job
- Alan Agnew and Kiri & Hamish Finlayson - for hay bales

All the other folk who helped. Gratefully appreciated. Many Thanks, The Ball Committee

Year 3 / 4 Marsden Bay Camp Budget 2012

Income:

Year 4- 30 children @ \$130	\$3,900.00
Year 3- 29 children @ \$41	\$1,189.00
3 Non Balloted parents @\$35	\$ 105.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 5,194.00
BALANCE Income	\$ 5,194.00
Expenses	\$ 4,957.26
SURPLUS	\$ 236.74

Expenses:

Teachers	\$ 690.00
Astronomers	\$ 100.00
Food	\$ 1,669.61
Accommodation Year 3 + Parents	\$ 592.00
Accommodation Year 4 + Parents	\$ 1,824.00
Non Balloted Parents Accommodation	\$ 48.00
Expenses (Stickers and resources)	\$ 33.65
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,957.26

This surplus will be split proportionately between classes.